

1 **Claims:**

3 1. A method for imparting a grouted edge appearance to a flooring module having a
4 textile face, the method comprising:
5 moving the module and a shear relative to each other to remove a peripheral portion of
6 the textile face.

1 2. A method for imparting a grouted edge appearance to a flooring module comprising:
2 conveying the module in a first direction past at least one shear to remove a peripheral
3 portion of the module;
4 conveying the module in a direction orthogonal to the first direction, or in the same
5 direction after rotating the module, past at least one other treating head.

1 3. A flooring module usable with other like modules to provide a floor covering, the
2 module comprising:
3 an upper wear surface having a visible textile fiber face, of which a peripheral portion
4 of the face has been removed to create a different appearance from the other portion of the
5 face; and
6 a lower backing surface affixed to the upper wear surface.

1 4. The flooring module of claim 3, wherein the upper wear surface comprises a pile
2 carpet structure.

1 5. The flooring module of claim 3, wherein the upper wear surface comprises woven
2 textile fibers.

6. The flooring module of claim 3, wherein the removed portion leaves a beveled surface.

7. An apparatus for creating a grouted edge appearance on an edge of a flooring module having a textile fiber face, comprising:
a shear; and
a conveyor for moving one of the module or the treating unit relative to the other of the treating unit or the module.

8. The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising moving the module relative to the treating unit.

9. The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the shear is a tile edger.

10. The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising moving the treating unit relative to the module.

11. An apparatus for creating a flooring module of textile fiber face having edges different in appearance from the remainder of the face comprising:
two shears for treating the a set of opposed edges of the module; and
a conveyor for moving the module past the shears.

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12. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the conveyor moves each the module edges past at least one of the shears.

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13. Floor covering, comprising a plurality of modules of textile fiber face material having edges and having portions for the face near the edges different in appearance from the remainder of the face as a result of removal of face material, the modules positioned with abutting edges.
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